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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Proposed drawing amendments are submitted herewith as Appendix A.

Responsive to the objection of FIG. 4., the numeral 48 and its associated leader line has been added. These additions to FIG. 4 point out the structure illustrated in the as-filed drawings, and described in the as-filed specification, for example, at page 7, line 22. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R 1.84(p)(5), because they include reference numerals 55 and 56 (assertedly not mentioned in the description), is traversed. Numeral 55 is located in the as-filed specification, for example, at page 8, line 16 and line 18. Numeral 56 is located in the as-filed specification, for example, at page 8, line 16. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The FIG. number designations for as-filed FIGs. numbers 6.5, 6.6, and 7-15 have been changed in the proposed drawing amendments submitted herewith, to FIG. numbers 7-17, respectively. Such change is made simply for a reader's convenience, and does not introduce new matter.

An arrow head has been added to the leader line extending from reference numeral 23 in each of the instant submitted Formal drawings of FIGs. 11-13. The arrow head more properly indicates the distal end of tubular element 21, as described in the as-filed specification, for example, at page 6, line 11.